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OF DATA TYPES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 25, 2005, in the above-identified patent application, and following the filing of a Response After Final on December 9, 2005; no Advisory Action has issued in this application, to date. The Response After Final filed on December 9, 2005, was not entered in this application; therefore, the amendments presented in this document are based on the claims as they are currently pending (as they appeared following issuance of the final Office action, mailed on August 25, 2005). Applicants note that a Terminal Disclaimer was also filed on December 9, 2005, and the corresponding fee was paid.

This paper is being submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and a Petition for a three-month extension. This paper satisfies the submission requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants believe that the correct fee is submitted herewith; however, if any additional fee is due upon submission of this paper, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.